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To: Richardson, Hetty L
Subject: Proposed rule 98-P

Dear Ms. Richardson; Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this proposed rule. First of all I'm not happy with the whole vernal pool protection regulations to begin with. I see it as another way for the growth of this State to be controlled by people that don't owe the land, and if it's going to happen it ought to be a taking and the owner ought to be compensated for the lose use of the land he or she will required to pay taxes on. This is a way bigger issue than I can stand in front of, so I'll offer the following meager comments for the record.

1. This will have an effect on municipalities, how could it not. Municipalities are always working with the land, whether it's a new school, ball field, transfer station, or 100 other public infrastructure projects. Do we say it "will not" to keep it under the radar screen of Maine Municipal Assoc? There is very little we have for regulation today that doesn't affect Municipalities. Aren't they made up of the individual taxpayer, who ultimately pays the bills for everything!
2. As to "understandable by the average citizen" with out the help of an engineer and attorney I can't keep it all straight, and I work with the land regulation process everyday. For someone to understand the proposed rules they would need to understand the underlying law. Even if they wanted to and time and desire to understand it they would have to quit work and read for months to get up to speed. Aren't these two items just window dressing for making it look like the average public understood the issues and weighted in on the side of more regulation.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my thoughts to the record even if it's broken.

Sincerely, Mike White

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